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State Higher Education Commission Appoints Murray J. Haberman as its Executive Director

September 9, 2004 -- The California Postsecondary Education Commission (CPEC) unanimously appointed Murray J. Haberman as Executive Director. Mr. Haberman was serving as the Commission's Acting Executive Director.

Commission Chairman Howard Welinsky, in announcing the appointment, said, "We are very proud of what Murray has accomplished during his long tenure at CPEC, and what he has accomplished in his short tenure as the Acting Executive Director. We feel that his knowledge, skill, and drive will propel CPEC to new heights."

Mr. Haberman's appointment is the latest step in his 30-year career in public policy research that includes numerous senior level positions with the Commission, most recently as its Director of Communications and Senior Policy Analyst. For eight years he was Assistant Director at the California Research Bureau, where he directed and published research on education and human service issues. Mr. Haberman also served as executive staff to the Commission for the Review of the Master Plan for Higher Education, special consultant to the Little Hoover Commission, and as an analyst with the State Department of Finance. He has published many reports and studies on higher education. He is a graduate of the University of California, Davis, completed graduate work at California State University, Sacramento, and studied Middle Eastern politics at Tel Aviv University in Israel.

In accepting the appointment as CPEC's Executive Director, Mr. Haberman said, "This is a time of great challenge and opportunity. In the face of reduced resources and growing demands for institutional accountability, the Commission is well positioned to assist California's higher education systems reach even greater levels of excellence, quality, and access to ensure their contribution to the future of the state and educational opportunities for all its citizens. I am honored that the Commission has asked me to take this leadership role, and look forward to working with the Commissioners to address the challenges that are facing California higher education."

The California Postsecondary Education Commission advises the Governor and Legislature on higher education policy and fiscal issues. Its primary focus is to ensure that the State's educational resources are used effectively to provide Californians with postsecondary education opportunities. More information about the Commission and its work can be found at its website at www.cpec.ca.gov.